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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE
Virginia
COUNTY:
Virginia Beach
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME
COMMON:
Weblin House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
5588 Moore's Pond Road
CITY OR TOWN:
Virginia Beach
STATE
Virginia
CODE
51
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second (G. William Whitehurst)
COUNTY:
(city)
CODE
810

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. H. C. Moore, Jr.
STREET AND NUMBER:
5588 Moore's Pond Road
CITY OR TOWN:
Virginia Beach
STATE:
Virginia
CODE
51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS ETC.
Princess Anne Court House Station
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Virginia Beach
STATE
Virginia
CODE
51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory
DATE OF SURVEY: 1958
Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Library of Congress
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN:
Washington
STATE:
D.C.
CODE
11

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent    ☒ Good    ☐ Fair    ☐ Deteriorated    ☐ Ruins    ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered    ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved    ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Weblin House is at the end of a long farm lane and is surrounded by flat cultivated fields that form part of a working farm. The three-bay, story-and-a-half building is covered by a gambrel roof which replaces the original gable roof, an alteration probably dating from the early nineteenth century. The house's ground dimension are 35'3" (west facade), 36'10" (east facade), and 21'3" (south gable). At the south end is a massive exterior-end chimney with a T-shaped stack and cap. The chimney features two sets of tiled weatherings with string courses at the top and bottom of each set. A wide plaster band ornaments the base of the corbeled cap. According to the present owner, the chimney stood in poor structural condition in the 1930's, but through the assistance of "Williamsburg architects" it was dismantled and rebuilt using the original material. A comparison of the original chimney as shown in old photographs in the possession of the present owner with the existing one illustrates that the rebuilding was faithful to the original design. The quality of the workmanship is excellent.

The north gable with its interior-end chimney is also a rebuilding most likely dating from the roof alteration. The remaining brickwork is original and generally is in a good state of preservation in spite of its having been whitewashed. The house's west facade and left half of the south gable below the string course is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers. The east facade and the right half of the south gable is in English bond. English bond also is employed below the water table and in the south chimney. Chamfered brick forms the top course of the water table. A line of glazed headers follows the edge of the original gable. The north gable is now in common bond but it probably was ornamented with a line of glazed headers as well.

The window openings are topped by simple gauged brick flat arches and do not appear to have been altered in size. While the present double-hung windows are modern, the proportion of the openings indicates that they originally contained double-hung sash. The doorway on the east wall has been shifted to the south but the segmental arch marking the top of the original opening is intact. Other alterations include a modern one-story brick wing attached to the south end.

The ground floor is divided into two unequal sized rooms separated by a single frame partition. The larger south room contains a wide fireplace opening framed by a Federal-style mantel. A staircase (sheathed in modern paneling) ascends against the east wall to an intermediate landing, turns at right angles, and continues against the partition to the upper level in a manner very similar to the Wishart House nearby. A late-eighteenth-century mantel surrounds the fireplace opening in the north room. The north room on the upper level contains what appears to be an original bolection molding mantel, a rare survival. The upper level south room has an early but not original mantel of plain design.

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## 3. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☒ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Weblin House belongs to the small but architecturally important collection of pre-Georgian era vernacular farmhouses of old Princess Anne County, now the city of Virginia Beach. This group includes the Thoroughgood House, the Wishart House, the Keeling House, and several that have been destroyed but are known through photographs and other documentation. The earliest of these houses are characterized by their hall-and-parlor plans and end chimneys, both interior and exterior. This distinctive plan evolved from the late-medieval farmhouses of the western and upland regions of England, and was employed by the many Virginia settlers who came from those areas. In its usual one-story form the plan proved itself suitable to the Virginia climate and life style. As a result it became so prevalent in the first century of settlement that contemporaries termed it the "Virginia style." This plan contrasted with the plan of lowland England farmhouses which featured a center chimney and small central entryway between two chambers -- a plan that was widely used by the New England settlers.

In addition to its being an important example of the "Virginia style," the Weblin House is the only one of its type in the vicinity to preserve its rural setting. The scene formed by the diminutive dwelling set among its broad flat fields with their wooded edges has changed little in the past two hundred and fifty years. The contrast between this scene and the heavy urbanization that has taken place in most of the modern city of Virginia Beach increases the value of the Weblin farm as an historic landscape.

The exact construction date of the Weblin House is uncertain, however several stylistic features such as the gauged brick flat arches, the probability of original double-hung sash, and the formal arrangement of the facade openings indicate a date of around 1700. At that time the land was owned by John Weblin, Jr., who inherited the land from his father in 1686. The then 175 acre farm was originally included in a 750 acre tract granted in 1648 to Thomas Lambert, John Weblin, Jr.'s maternal grandfather. This tract in turn was part of the 1643 patent to Cesar Puggett, from whom Puggett's Neck takes its name.

The farm was sold by the Weblin family to John and Nathaniel Hutchings in 1719. It remained in the Hutchings family until 1751 when it was acquired by Robert Moseley. The Moseley ownership (1751-1774) was the period during which the present gambrel roof most likely replaced the original gable roof. Between 1774 and 1924 the farm passed through over a dozen owners. The present owner acquired it in the latter year from James W. Overstreet.

# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carson, Cary, "Settlement Patterns and Vernacular Architecture in Seventeenth-Century Tidewater Virginia," Thesis, University of Delaware, June, 1969.

Kellam, Sadie Scott, Old Houses in Princess Anne Virginia, Portsmouth, 1931.

Lower Norfolk County Records, Great Bridge, Chesapeake, Va. (to 1691).

Princess Anne County Records, Princess Anne, Virginia Beach (from 1691 to the present).

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds 36 ° 52' 41 "	Degrees Minutes Seconds 76 ° 10 ' 29 "		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	36 ° 52' 41 "	76 ° 09 ' 49 "				
SE	36 ° 52' 07 "	76 ° 09 ' 49 "				
SW	36 ° 52' 07 "	76 ° 10 ' 29 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 135 acres.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff		DATE
ORGANIZATION Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission	January, 1974	
STREET AND NUMBER: 221 Governor Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Richmond	STATE Virginia	CODE 51

# 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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KEMPSVILLE QUADRANGLE  
VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW 1/4 CAPS. HENRY S. QUADRANGLE

